Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance are requested in view of the above amendments and the remarks below. These amendments are being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicant does not acquiesce in the correctness of the objections and rejections and reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application.

A Substitute Specification is attached to this response to address the objections of the Examiner. The Specification has been amended to correct several typographical errors and to remove paragraphs [0001] and [0024]. A marked-up and a clean copy of the Substitute Specification are provided. No new matter is believed added.

The claims have been amended to correct several typographical errors and to remove reference numerals. No new matter is believed added.

Claims 98-200 are allowed. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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